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SUBJECT: SADAT'S INTEREST IN PURCHASING C-141'S

1. ON FLIGHT BACK FROM ALEXANDRIA TO CAIRO YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, VP MUBARAK TOLD ME THAT SADAT HAD RECENTLY RAISED WITH HIM THE DESIRABILITY OF ASKING PRESIDENT CARTER TO SELL SOME C-141'S TO EGYPT. NUMBER WAS UNSPECIFIED. SADAT'S COMMENTS WERE APPARENTLY MADE IMMEDIATE AFTER SENATE APPROVAL OF AIRCRAFT DEAL. SADAT HAS ASKED THAT MUBARAK DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH ME.

2. I TOLD MUBARAK THAT BEFORE PURCHASE OF C-141'S IS FORMALLY RAISED, GOE WOULD BE WELL ADVISED ABSORB THE F-5E'S AND ADDITIONAL C-130'S THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED. THIS WILL ITSELF TAKE A LITTLE TIME. MUBARAK SAID THIS IS ALSO HIS VIEW AND CLAIMED HE HAD SO ADVISED SADAT. IN ANY CASE, HE WAS NOT MAKING A FORMAL REQUEST TO US AT THIS TIME, BUT WANTED US TO BEAR IN MIND THAT SADAT WILL IN FUTURE BE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING SOME C-141'S. EILTS

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